

THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A translucent paper-plastic-paper laminate comprising an oriented polymer film as a strength member and two paper layers that are laminated to front and back surfaces of the film, wherein each paper layer is present at a thickness that is sufficient to receive printing thereon but is sufficiently low not to contribute to laminate strength and to enable the laminate to be translucent such that objects in contact with the laminate are
10 visible through the laminate.
2. The laminate of claim 1 wherein each paper layer has a weight of between about 8 and 15 pounds per 3,000 square feet of paper layer.
- 15 3. The laminate of claim 1 wherein each paper layer has a weight of between about 10 and 13 pounds per 3,000 square feet of paper layer.
4. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the polymer film is transparent and each paper layer has a weight which is sufficiently low so that the laminate provides contact
20 clarity whereby objects in contact with the laminate are readable.
5. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the polymer film is transparent and each paper layer has a weight which is sufficiently high so that objects in contact with the
25 laminate are visible but not readable.
6. The laminate of claim 1 wherein each paper layer has approximately the same weight so that a non-curling flat laminate is obtained.
7. The laminate of claim 1 wherein at least one paper layer is partially printed.
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8. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the polymer film is colored or printed.
9. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the polymer film has a thickness of between 0.45 and 3 mils.

10. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the polymer film has a thickness of between 0.48 and 2 mils.

5 11. The laminate of claim 1 wherein the paper layers are laminated to the film by a water-based adhesive using a cold lamination process so that film orientation and strength are maximized.

10 12. The laminate of claim 10 wherein the water-based adhesive comprises an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.

13. A dust jacket for a book comprising the laminate of claim 1.

14. A translucent envelope comprising the laminate of claim 1.

15 15. A packaging material comprising the laminate of claim 1.